



Rummaging around for funds



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Winters Middle School sixth graders (from left) Devon Muldong, Tanner Strickland and Chelsey Graciano are collecting things to sell at the school's rummage sale on Saturday, Nov. 6, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school gym. Proceeds will help make it possible for sixth graders to attend outdoor school at Camp Loma Mar. Due to budget cuts, 120 students must raise \$300 each (\$36,000 total) to go to camp. Donations of sale items are still needed. Bring donations to the gym on Friday, or to have items picked up within Winters city limits, call Tawnya Martin, 908-6185, or Jeff Martin, 908-9980.

Planners toast wine-tasting at Root Stock

By DEBRA DeANGELO
Express editor

Downtown Winters' newest business, Root Stock, was cleared to add wine-tasting to the newly opened gift shop, following unanimous approval by the planning commission at the Oct. 26 meeting.

Community Development Director Nelia Dyer summarized the proposed wine-tasting service, and confirmed that this use is consistent with General Plan zoning and land use for the downtown business area. She further noted that businesses that attract pedestrians to the area are specifically noted as the type of business that the Downtown Master Plan calls for.

Dyer said the city "wants to encourage a pedestrian feel and tourism related services in the downtown, and this certainly fits the feel."

The project applicant, Corrine Martinez, was seeking approval for a conditional use permit

for on-site sales and consumption of alcohol (wine), and Dyer noted that no other alcoholic beverages will be served. The 1,108 square foot space is located at 22 Main Street, and will be open Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Because she is a planning commissioner, Martinez stepped down during the discussion of the project, but remained in the room to answer questions.

Commissioner Bruce Guelden expressed a preference for longer hours on Sunday, and felt that the current hours seemed "restricted" given the amount of activity downtown on Sunday afternoons.

Commissioner Joe Tramontana asked for clarification about the difference between a wine-tasting room and a wine bar.

"We are not a bar," replied Martinez. "We

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Scouting for food

The local Boy Scouts of America will be scouting for food in their annual food drive, intended to replenish local food closets.

To help, place canned and dry goods in a bag, attach a

piece of paper that says "Boy Scouts Food Drive" on it, and place the bag outside your door or in front of your garage door by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13. Scouts will be by to pick up the bags no later than noon.

Election results will be posted online, published next week

Results for the Nov. 2 general election were not available by press time this week. They will be posted online at www.wintersexpress.com and on the Winters Express Facebook page as soon as they are in, and will be printed in next week's Express.

'It's a Wonderful Life' in Winters

By ELLIOT LANDES
Winters Theatre Company

There's a Great Recession lingering, the weather's getting colder and the days shorter. Maybe you're feeling a little beaten down or on the edge. It's time for a little chicken soup for the soul, in the form of Winters Theatre Company's production of "It's a Wonderful Life," opening at the Community Center with a gala on Nov. 19 and playing through Dec. 5.

The story of a good man on the brink of despair and saved by the counsel of an Angel Second Class is one of the best of Frank Capra's optimistic, wide eyed scripts that we identify nostalgically with the depression era. It's full of heart and honest human values, and the idea that being a good person is enough to get through, in the face of all manner of hard breaks.

It's about people borrowing money in hopes of buying a home — how timely. And timelier still, there's even an unscrupulous banker we can blame for our hero's woes.

It actually is a wonderful life in Winters, a small town that forgot to



Courtesy photo

Mary Bailey and her children decorate their home for Christmas in the Winters Theatre Company's production of "It's A Wonderful Life." From left are Joanie Bryant, Sophia Tolley, Allyson Freckmann, Emilia Orosco and Corinne McKenna. The play opens on Friday, Nov. 19, at the Community Center and continues on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 5. For reservations or more information call 795-4014 or email winterstheatre@gmail.com.

turn into something modern and kept its old-time soul in the process. It's a good place to remember a real or imagined time gone by, say in the 1930s or the 1940s, a time and a place where everyday people were

hopeful and optimistic despite the challenges that came their way. Maybe a place with a name like Bedford Falls, with an old iron bridge and a bank and a savings and loan, and people that dreamed of

owning their own home.

Winters is a town where people still put on plays, and one company, the Winters Theatre Company, has been putting on a few plays

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Dixon, Vacaville and Fairfield.)

WEATHER

Weather readings are taken
at 9 a.m. daily, covering the
previous 24 hour period.

Date	Rain	HI	Lo
Oct. 27		68	41
Oct. 28		65	48
Oct. 29	.12	63	52
Oct. 30	.05	61	53
Oct. 31	.02	64	50
Nov. 1		71	47
Nov. 2		75	50

Rain for week: .19
Season's total: 1.57
Last year to date: 4.47
Average to Nov. 2: 1.59

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Weekly police report

Oct. 21

~ 6:52 p.m., first block of Main Street, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

Oct. 26

~ 5:22 a.m., 400 block of Abbey Street, an Adult Protective Services referral was taken and was forwarded to Adult Protective Services for further investigation.

~ 11:09 a.m., Manuel Jauregui, 25, of Winters surrendered himself on an outstanding Yolo County Sheriff's bench warrant charging him with failure to appear on previous charges of driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license and driving an unregistered vehicle. Jauregui was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

~ 6:10 p.m., 200 block of Rosa Avenue, a laptop computer battery was stolen. Loss: \$150.

Oct. 27

~ 3 p.m., 600 block of Ivy Loop, an officer assisted a Yolo County Child Protective Services social worker with a call of suspected child abuse.

Oct. 28-29

~ 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., 400 block of Anderson Avenue, a vehicle was taken without the owner's consent. Loss: \$3,000. The vehicle was located by the Richmond Police Department on Oct. 30.

Oct. 29

~ 8:22 a.m., County Road 29A and Interstate 505, an officer assisted the Woodland California Highway Patrol with a traffic collision.

~ 6:02 p.m., Louis Scott Lanar Campos, 20, of Winters was arrested for possessing

a controlled substance and possessing controlled substance paraphernalia. Campos also was arrested on an outstanding Butte County bench warrant charging him with failure to appear and violation of probation on a previous charge of attempted burglary. Campos was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to Yolo County Jail for incarceration.

Oct. 30

~ 12:32 p.m., Axl Valdez, 18, of Winters was issued a notice to appear for being an unlicensed driver.

~ 4:45 p.m., on Malaga Lane, an unknown driver of an unknown vehicle collided into a legally parked vehicle owned by Luz Rodarte of Winters and fled the scene.

~ 6:30 p.m., a suspected child abuse referral was made to an officer. It was determined the alleged abuse occurred in Solano County. The referral was forwarded to Solano County Child Protective Services and Solano County Sheriff's Department.

Oct. 31

~ 12:03 p.m., first block of Main Street, an officer responded to an audible alarm. The business was found secure.

~ 4:45 p.m., 400 block of Main Street, someone broke into a residence. The residence was ransacked. A laptop computer, camera, clothes, U.S. currency, cellular telephone, purses, court papers, watch and make-up were stolen. Loss: \$3,700.

Nov. 1

~ 1:13 a.m., 100 block of East Grant Avenue, the front door window of a business was broken. Damage: \$500.

possible stroke

Oct. 29

~ 100 block of Owings Drive, neck pain

~ County Road 29A at Interstate 505, vehicle rollover non-injury

Berryessa lake level remains static during the past week

The level of Lake Berryessa remained constant during the week, dropping only .04 of a foot, with a reduction in storage of 645 acre feet of water, according to Mickey Faulkner of the Solano Irrigation District.

He reported Tuesday morning that the lake was 412.59 feet above

sea level, with storage computed at 1,070,999 acre feet of water.

The SID is diverting 20 second feet of water into the Putah South Canal and 29 second feet is flowing in Putah Creek at the Diversion Dam.

Evaporation on Lake Berryessa averaged 41 acre feet of water per day during the week.

YESTERYEAR



Photo by Relfe Ehret

Pictured above is the Winters High School varsity basketball team in the 1966-67 school year. From left are (front) Joe Ramos, Larry McGowan, Tony Turkovich, Rudy Rodriguez, Stan Kato and Vernon Fletcher; (back) Terry Norton, Jim Lindeman, David Epling, Dan Godden, Bill Young and Rich Chiles.

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November 17, 1960

Bill Duncan was elected president of the Winters District Chamber of Commerce for the coming year at the meeting of the board of directors of the organization held yesterday morning. Joe Aguiar was elected vice president, Dick Peterson was elected treasurer and Wayne Ireland was reelected secretary.

The Winters City Council, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, voted to hold an election in Major Vista in January, 1961, to see if the residents of that area want to become annexed to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ramos are the parents of a son born on November 8, 1960, at Sutter Memorial Hospital in Sacramento.

Nancy, Kathy and Robert Todrank spent the holiday weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Niemann. They reside in Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Huchingson of Boulder City, Nevada, visited on Wednesday and Thursday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. James Felix. The Huchingsons lived in Winters during the construction of the Monticello Dam, leaving in 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Storz were hosts at a pre-Thanksgiving family dinner on Sunday when their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Al Storz and three children, Mrs. George Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Storz and three children of Esparto, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stephens Jr. and three children of Esparto, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Lewis of Sacramento.

November 16, 1945

Rev. W.C. McCalmont will be installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening, November 25.

At a recent meeting of the Valley citizens in Monticello Community Hall, a vote was taken that demonstrated a 100 percent opposition to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation plans for a dam that would result in loss of Berryessa homes and ranches.

Nightwatchman J.M. Robinson has been off duty since Wednesday night because of bronchitis. J.M. Goodyear is substituting during his illness.

Capt. and Mrs. Edgar Yarberry arrived this week from Santa Maria on furlough extending until Jan. 7.

Pfc. Melvin A. Coombs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Coombs, of the Aviation Engineers of the Army Air Forces, was honorably discharged from the Army, October 30.

Mrs. Rose Geller who is teaching at Duncan Mills, was a weekend visitor in her home here.

Mrs. Ernestine Hemenway observed a birthday Monday and observance was made with a family gathering in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alex Malicki, in Vallejo.

Capt. Cameron Girton is now in civilian ranks. He arrived during the weekend in his Oakland home, and is now guest of his mother, Mrs. A. Catermole. His family accompanied him.

November 18, 1910

The town board, executive officer and town marshal have decided to enforce more strictly the curfew law.

Members of Buckeye Lodge, Masons, were treated to a banquet Saturday night by the six new members of the lodge.

Mrs. William Brinck was given a surprise birthday party on the occasion of her 72nd birthday.

Preliminary work on the Southern Pacific bridge across the Sacramento River will have been completed before Dec. 1.

Hiram Johnson was elected governor of California by a plurality of 21,000.

Henry U. Rice, who has been visiting his brothers and sister for the past few weeks, left Wednesday for Campbellville, Kentucky, where he is assistant cashier in the state bank.

Dr. F.R. Fairchild has purchased the Woodland Sanitarium from Miss Kathleen McConnell.

November 16, 1895

George Morris, a nephew of Henry Craner of this place, was shot and killed by robbers last Saturday. Morris was express agent and deputy postmaster at Chinese Camp, Tuolumne County, which place the stage reaches about midnight every night. On the night he was killed there was about \$1,000 in Wells Fargo's box.

A social was given at the home of William Brinck on Tuesday evening last which was highly enjoyed by all who participated. Those who attended were Misses Grace and Susie Dunton, Maggie and Sarah Mitchell, Lula and Bertha Wyatt, Priscilla Hall, Estella Thorp, Mary and Carrie Womack, Mary Reiskebeck, Messrs. S.L. Riner, Lacy Neal, Ralph Mitchell, Will Emery, Frank Mills, C.E. Wyatt, Calvin Robinson, James Day, William Brinck and Willie Brinck.

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Lynda Hinds, co-owner of Root Stock, tastes some wine at the shop's grand opening on Oct. 23. Root Stock was approved for wine tasting during regular business hours at the Oct. 26 planning commission meeting.

TOAST

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are hosting wineries as a tasting room.”

She further explained that a wine-tasting room can sell glasses or bottles of their own wine, and only wineries that are permitted to sell there can do so. This is in contrast to a bar, where the proprietor can purchase any wines she or he chooses, and sell them. However, free tasting is not allowed in a bar.

“Bars can’t give away product,” said Martinez.

Commission chair Pierre Neu opened the public hearing, at which no one spoke, and quickly closed it. He called for discussion from the commission, but no further discussion was offered. Commissioner Wade Cowan moved to approve the conditional use permit, which was seconded by Commissioner Philip Meisch. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Glenn DeVries was absent.

Other items

~ Dyer proposed a joint city council and planning commission meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 7, just prior to the regular council meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m. The topic of discussion will be the Gateway

Master plan, which Dyer said will be informational in nature to “go over what we plan to do.”

~ Martinez questioned the business sign that was installed along Grant Avenue in front of Food Mart, and noted that it was never approved by the planning commission and did not have a permit. Dyer responded that the sign was acceptable as far as the city’s sign ordinance goes, and staff is working “backwards” with the proprietors to straighten out the permits and approvals.

~ Martinez asked about the ceramic mosaic planned to be installed on the restroom at Rotary Park, and noted that the commission was supposed to have been given a chance to look at the mosaic before it was installed, and this didn’t happen. It was announced that the mosaic pieces have been fired already and the project is expected to be finished in the spring. Martinez noted that this may be a “breach of process.”

The planning commission will meet again on Tuesday, Nov. 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. However, as that is Thanksgiving week, it is possible that the meeting may be cancelled if there are no agenda items.

Lions Club scholarship honors Ramos’ memory

The Winters Lions Club has established a Frank Ramos Scholarship for a Winters High School student athlete and scholar. Any contributions sent to the Winters Lions Club in Ramos’ name or in his memory of passing will

go directly into the club’s scholarship fund.

Ramos was a Lion’s member over 50 years and made the Lions Club a special one for the Winters community. Send contributions for the scholarship fund to: Winters Lions Club, P.O.

Winters holds on to Mayors Cup title

In 2009, Woody Fridae, then Mayor Pro Tem, brought home the Mayors Cup Title to Winters and on Oct. 22, he successfully defended his title.

For the second year in a row, the City of Winters team won the Sacramento Valley Mayors Cup Golf Championship. The tournament, which is open to all cities in the region, was played at the Sevillano Links at the Rolling Hills Casino in Corning. The tournament was a “scramble” format and the winning score was 11 under par.

The Winters team was led by Mayor Fridae, Winters Express publisher Charley Wallace, City Manager John Donlevy and Orland resident Brad Johnson.

The effort was led by Fridae, who made a number of long drives on the 7,375 yard John Daly Signature Course. The links style course allowed Fridae to take a number of risky shots over native grassland and waste areas to set up a number of key birdie and eagle opportunities. On the Par 5 578-yard 7th hole, Fridae cut the corner with a long drive to al-



Courtesy photo

Proudly displaying the 2010 Mayors Cup trophy are, from left, John Donlevy, Woody Fridae, Brad Johnson and Charley Wallace.

low a key second shot from Wallace allowing for an eagle try which was narrowly missed allowing for a birdie.

Wallace provided a key shot on the Par 5 16th hole with an amazing “flop shot” which landed six feet from the hole and allowed the team to sink a critical birdie putt. Also contributing was Donlevy who made a key eagle putt on the 10th hole and

a birdie on 11.

The team was anchored by the consistent putting of Fridae who made 4 key par

putts to keep the team in the tournament. Winters is expected to defend its title again in 2011.

Meals on Wheels needs help

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers one hour per week to deliver meals to homebound seniors in Winters.

To volunteer, call

Marie Heilman, 795-4824, or Sherry Del Toro, 795-4241.

The program is part of the Elderly Nutrition Program of Yolo County.

Signups open for Christmas food baskets

The annual Christmas basket giveaway takes place on Dec. 18 at the Community Center, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

To qualify for a basket, sign up at City Hall between Nov. 15 and Dec. 3, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Identification and proof of residency will be required.

There will be a limited number of baskets, so sign-ups will be on a first come, first served basis.

Gardening workshops offered

The Yolo County Master Gardeners are offering two free workshops on Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Davis Central Park Gardens on B Street between 3rd and 4th Streets in Davis.

From 9:30-10:30 a.m., Master Gardener Bill Reinert will talk about simple growing techniques for the exotic species Orchids and Bromeliads.

From 11 a.m. to noon, Master Gardener Jim Fowler will lead a class on Propagation Techniques, where participants will learn how to take cuttings and produce new plants at home.

For more information about these classes or other Yolo County Master Gardener activities, call the Yolo County Cooperative Extension Office, 666-8143, or on the web at <http://ceyolo.ucdavis.edu>.

Opinion

LETTERS

Support our budgets

School districts throughout California have felt the pain of recent cuts, and our Winters Joint Unified School District is no exception. This will be a challenging year for our schools and communities. There are some things, like our state budget, that we don't have a lot of control over. However, there are a number of simple and surprising ways that our families can ensure that their neighborhood school receives and preserves precious education funding.

Turn in those lunch forms. Many families don't turn in an application for free or reduced meals because they don't think they qualify, they don't plan to have their child eat in the cafeteria, or they want to save their school money. What families may not understand is that each of our schools receives additional funding based on the percentage of families who qualify.

In addition to repaying our cafeteria fund for the cost of student meals, this also provides funding for student computers and technology, certain academic programs and staff, even some of our parent involvements programs.

Attend school on time, every day. Our schools are funded through a formula that keeps track of each hour that a student is in the classroom. Each time that a student is late, leaves early, or misses a school day, our schools lose funding for staff and programs.

Protect your investment. Our schools are built and maintained through the investment of local taxpayers. If you see vandalism, burglary or another type of crime in progress, call the Winters Police Department, 795-4561 and let them know 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also any-



mously call the We Tip Hotline toll free at (800) 78-CRIME. We Tip provides rewards for information leading to an arrest.

Volunteer. Every school in our district will be operating with less staff this year and your help in a classroom or around campus can assist in filling that gap. If you're interested in volunteering, please call the school district office, 795-6100. With the financial challenges we face, every effort can help us get through the next few years. Thank you for all you do to help our Winters Schools.

CATHLEEN OLSON
Director of Food Service
WJUSD

Join the PTA

The Winters Combined PTA functions within Waggoner Elementary and Shirley Rominger Intermediate. The PTA objective is to improve the lives of children, youth, and families in the school and community. Members range from parents, teachers and community members.

The Fall Fundraiser was pivotal for generating a starting budget for the PTA. Over \$11,000 was raised during the three-week catalogue sales. The 2010-11 PTA budget was approved at our general membership meeting on Oct. 12.

Thanks to students, families and teachers that promoted the drive, \$1,400 will be allocated for each grade level from grades K-5. Stay tuned to learn how grade levels are fortifying their curriculum with PTA funds.

By joining PTA you are supporting what they do for our schools, students and teachers. To become a PTA member or support PTA simply fill out and return a PTA envelope to the PTA inbox at each school site office.

JENELL NOVELLO
PTA President

A century of libraries

While most folks in Winters watched the final World Series game Monday night, a roomful of us celebrated 100 years of Yolo County libraries in the still-dazzlingly new Winters Community Library — delicious food, sparkling beverages, WFOl fundraising and activity reports, and a thumbnail sketch of more than 100 years of library history in Winters.

I enjoyed the stylish traveling historical display in the lobby and library proper. It featured photographs and letters from the Yolo County archives, along with narratives of li-

brary progress in Yolo County.

Who would have known that our much-lamented old library building was once a source of joy and delight? It was practically brand new when the books moved in, and eight times bigger than the previous location, which had once been a milliner's shop.

You can stop by this week to learn a lot more, but the display will be traveling on to Esparto and points beyond before returning to Winters later this year.

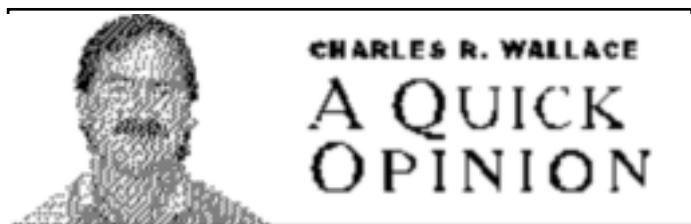
Don't miss the next library celebration this Friday, Nov. 5, welcoming Assistant County Librarian Elizabeth Gray. The reception is from 5:30-7 p.m., after regular library hours. And I can vouch that the food will be delicious, the library beautiful, and the crowd welcoming. Hope to see you there.

JO CRESCENT

They retired but still work

Got \$54 million? No problem: retired teachers are working for free.

The week of November 7-13 is California's 12th annual Retired Teachers Week. As a member of the California Retired Teachers Association, I urge everyone to find a way to give back to our community. Even during these



G OGIANTS. Who would have thought at the beginning of the season that the San Francisco Giants would make it to playoffs, let alone win the World Series? I'm sure there were a few merchants wanting the series to return to San Francisco, but I'm glad it is over. The saying, "It's not over 'til it's over," applies to baseball more than any other sport. It really isn't over 'til it's over. There is no clock or timer in baseball, just outs. If you can't get them out, you are in trouble.

It was hard to listen to the east coast broadcaster dismiss the Giants and rally behind each of their opponents, week after week. The three announcers would pick the Rangers to win each and every game, no matter who was pitching. I know there is an East Coast bias, but if I were a Fox conspirator, I would think that they had mouthed the Giants because Fox doesn't like San Francisco. The city may lean overboard to the left, but the baseball team, made up of misfits and castoffs, is the best of the best, at least this year.

If you are wondering why so many people got excited about the Giants, just think about how long we, the fans, have been waiting for a World Series Championship. Since 1954, but who's counting. Most of us don't remember the last time the Giants won the World Series. Let hope it isn't another 56 years.

WINTERS MAKES THE NEWS. Doc Ransdell called my attention to an AP story that appeared in the San Luis Obispo Tribune. The article was about voters approving local tax increases while the national sentiment is towards smaller government and anti-tax. AP used a picture of Dr. Fred and his wife, Marie, playing bingo at the Winters Community Center. The article mentioned Winters residents voting to double our utility tax from 4.75 percent to 9.5 percent.

We aren't the only city that stepped up to the plate to make sure we have basic services. The article points out that over 70 percent of ballot measures to raise taxes at the city or county level passed during the last election cycle. When it comes to local issues people can see where their money is going. The farther away our money gets, the harder it is to justify the expense. I doubt that that notion has changed in over 200 years.

I hope your candidate won, your favorite proposition passed and your vote counted. Have a good week.

tough economic times, California's retired educators are among our community's most tireless volunteers. Statewide, CalRTA members logged nearly 2.6 million hours of service to their communities. That's worth more than \$54 million in services.

Anywhere you go in Yolo County, you are likely to find retired teacher volunteers. They tutor in the local

schools, distribute food to those in need, drive seniors to appointments and work at hospitals.

Since 1998, the California Retired Teachers Association has sponsored Retired Teachers Week as a way to not only spotlight our members' extensive volunteerism, but to encourage others to do the same. Those champion volunteers would cer-

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Living without television, I lost track of politics — and don't know if I care

Possibly the strangest experience from my two months of flood-induced homelessness is being unplugged from the mainstream world. There's no television allowed at the Abbey House Inn, and although I was tempted to get a portable TV, I respected the rules and refrained.

No TV. Why couldn't it be something easy, like giving up cigarettes.

TV is my pipeline to current events and opinion about them, which yields column material. I would mainline news programs if I could. Yes, they're that addictive. True, I could follow things online, or in magazines or newspapers, but it's not merely the information itself that attracts me. It's how the information is communicated.

Isoak up the arguments and discussions, and observe the facial expressions, body language and inflections. I absorb the sound of the words and sentences, and form my own perceptions. Reading perceptions that have already been filtered through someone else's

brain isn't the same as forming my own.

I enjoy the patterns and cadence of spoken language, and when roughing out a column in my head, I "hear" the words, and they flow out through my fingertips and onto the monitor. Hearing how other people express themselves gives me new ideas for expressing myself, and I often craft phrases and sentences in my head and then say them out loud to others to observe their reaction because it's a clue about how they'll react to the same written words.

And you thought I just sit down and type stuff.

But — no TV, no voices. Only the ones in my head, that plead, "Can we go home yet?" over and over and over.

Sadly, no. Apparently it takes longer to repair one little tract home than it does to drill into a mountain in Chile and rescue 33 miners from the center of the freakin' earth. At least I was minimally aware of the rescue, thanks to NPR and the internet. But I wanted to see their faces as it was happening, in real time. Over-



whelming joy and relief in a person's eyes can't truly be captured in words.

Even with print journalism, I'm out of the loop. I only had time for one newspaper (besides the Express, of course), and that was the Davis Enterprise. And working two jobs, sometimes I didn't even have time for that. But home delivery requires a home, so I put my subscription on hold. There went my contact with regional news, along with my favorite soap opera, "As The City On Far East Grant Avenue Turns."

Yeah, yeah, I could catch up online. But I stare at a computer monitor all day. The last thing I want to do is spend more time at the computer. I mean, besides Facebook, of course. Which totally doesn't count.

Ahem.

So, layer my Decline To State voter registra-

tion (which means almost zero political junk mail and no robo-calls) on top of life in the news void, where I only catch snippets of news the way something flashes by in your peripheral vision while you're driving and then it's gone, and it feels like walking in fog. You only see what's immediately around you... all else is pale and blurry. I have relatively no awareness of things I formerly was acutely aware of.

Like elections. I knew there was one coming up. But I missed most of the conversation about it, and in particular, missed the onslaught of political commercials. In my pre-flood days, I watched most everything on the DVR, which means zapping through commercials. The only commercials I was subjected to came during live newscasts. If Meg Whitman inserted herself into my conscious-

ness — the psychological equivalent of eating juicy cherries and then biting into a mushy, rotten one — the "mute" button would make the scary lady go away. Now, without TV, my life is virtually Meg-free, except for an occasional rotten cherry on the radio — I love making her vanish just by pushing a button.

So, for the first time ever, 99 percent of the pre-election hyperbole has vanished from my awareness. I knew Jerry Brown was pulling ahead, and that there was a proposition to legalize marijuana. That much sounds pretty good. If we can bring back Governor Moonbeam, can we bring back legal dime bags too? Just a thought.

I also was aware that some wingnut Tea-bagger proclaimed she's not a witch as her campaign slogan. Has someone checked to see if she weighs the same as a duck? (You won't get that unless you know the airspeed velocity of an unladen European swallow.)

Other than that... endless phone calls to con-

tractors and insurance adjusters, and multiple visits to hardware stores to stare glassy-eyed at faucets and light fixtures has scooted politics pretty much off my radar screen. Sometimes there are more important things in life than shaking your pom-poms for the Red team or the Blue team. Like life itself.

Does it feel good? Not exactly. It feels calm. Beyond the ire and angst, and the endless yap yap yap of talking heads, there's peace. It's probably how taking lithium feels after decades of bipolar disorder — no highs, no lows, just even keel.

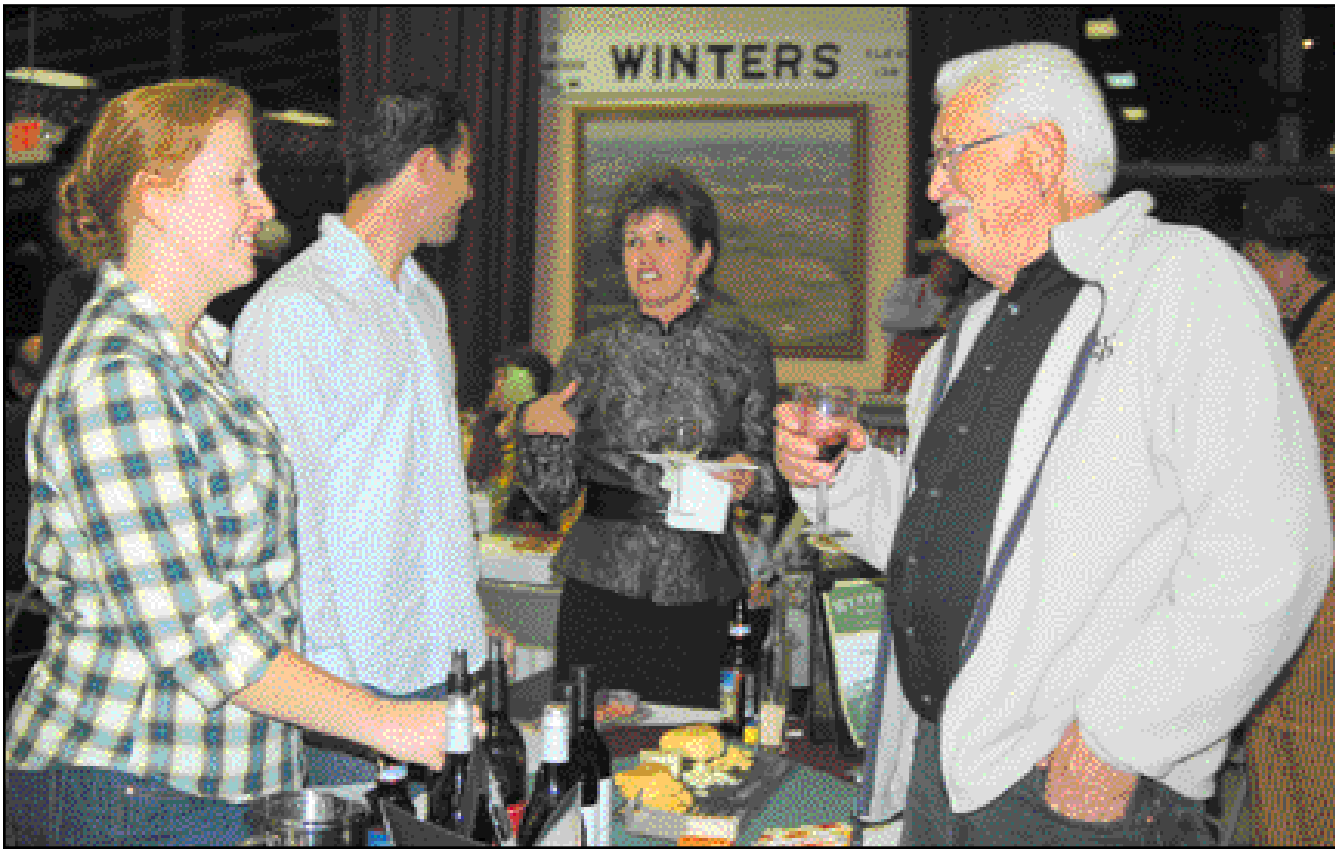
But one night last week, I inadvertently tested that theory. I discovered that you can watch entire episodes of "Countdown with Keith Olbermann" on MSNBC.com. So I did. About halfway through, my keel started wobbling. I had a sudden urge to just turn it off. Which is really weird because I love Keith! I love politics! I love elections!

Don't I?



Jubilee was groovy

Photo by Debra DeAngelo
Dan Maguire (left) and his wife, Julie Fuller won first place in the costume contest with their matching hippy outfits at the annual Rotary Wine & Food Jubilee, held at the Community Center on Friday, Oct. 29. Kristin Pantle (below, left) gives a sample of Turkovich wine to Art Self at the Jubilee.



Area artists can submit work for Capitol exhibition

Senator Lois Wolk invites all artists living in the Fifth Senate District to submit their artwork for possible inclusion in an upcoming exhibition at the State Capitol.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for artists in San Joaquin, Solano, and Yolo Counties to have their original work displayed in the historic State Capitol alongside works from artists from every part of the state,” Wolk said.

One artist and art piece will be selected to represent the Fifth Senate District in the California Contemporary Art Collection exhibit, scheduled from Sept.

2011 through Sept. 2012. An image of the artwork, as well as the artist’s biography, will also be included in the exhibit’s catalogue.

Previous local artists that participated in the exhibit include Phil Gross, Daphne Wynne Nixon, Del Almeida, Ning Hou and Raoul Mora.

Interested parties can find the exhibit entry form and additional information at Wolk’s Senate website, www.sen.ca.gov/wolk, where they can also confirm that they live in the Fifth Senate District.

The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2011.

Flyway Nights Speaker Series features Ecuadorean nature

Yolo Basin Foundation will begin its Flyway Nights Speaker Series on Thursday, Nov. 4, with a movie presentation by Chris and Ame Hartzell entitled “Expedition Ecuador.”

The couple travels the world taking videos and photos of their adventures, which they turn into

travel adventure movies. Their presentation includes nature highlights from the Amazon rain forest, equatorial cloud forest, high Andes and Galapagos Islands.

The Yolo Basin Foundation offers Flyway Nights on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

from November to April at the Department of Fish and Game’s Yolo Wildlife Area Headquarters, 45211 Chiles Road in Davis. A \$5 donation to support the Foundation’s wetland education programs is suggested.

For more information, call 758-0530 or visit www.yolobasin.org.

Learn to replace lawn at workshop

Tired of mowing, watering and weeding your lawn? Consider saving time and money by replacing it with native, drought-tolerant shrubs. You will provide valuable wildlife habitat in the process.

Join the Solano County Water Agency at a Dixon homestead on Saturday, Nov. 6, 1-3:30 p.m., to learn about plant options, design features and irrigation options, and participate in the installation of a native shrub garden. Also to be discussed is the option of replacing turf with native grass and sedge alternatives, which use considerably less water but still form a sod of usable turf.

In addition to attending the workshop, landowners interested in replacing their lawns should check out a rebate program offered by the Solano County Water Agency. SCWA is offering a one-time rebate to customers who replace their turf with mulched drought-tolerant shrubs or permeable hardscape.

Find out more about the program at www.solanosaveswater.org. To sign up for the workshop and get directions to the site, email Amy King at amy.king@solanored.org, or call (707) 678-1655, extension 109.

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Community

Donations sought for wreath project

Each December, holiday wreaths are placed on all of the gravesites at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road in Dixon, in honor of fallen soldiers. This tradition began in 2006 when the cemetery opened and it is one of the few in the country to have 100 percent coverage every year.

Funds are collected and wreaths are purchased in advance; the public is invited to attend and help lay the wreaths. Details will be provided with regard to time and other information as it becomes available. Sponsorships are \$7 per wreath, but all contributions are appreciated.

Make checks payable to RememberAVet.net. Mail checks to Stocking, PO Box 773, Winters, CA 95694. The deadline to receive checks for this year's project is Nov. 19. The wreaths will be placed on Saturday, Dec. 11.

For more information visit www.freewebs.com/wreathproject, or contact Curtis Stocking, (707) 761-3343, curtis@CaOutdoorProperties.com; or Susie Stocking, (707) 249-5852, wwreathproject@yahoo.com

Send an email to wreathproject@yahoo.com to be added to the Wreath Project update list.

Soroptimist scholarship candidates are sought

Soroptimist of Winters is offering financial aid for a woman continuing her education while supporting a family or parents. Candidates should be heads of household completing undergraduate programs or attending a vocational or technical training program. The winner will receive \$1,000 and the opportunity to compete for an additional amount.

The application must be received by Dec. 1. For applications contact Barbara Cody, 795-2828 or barbaraoc@sbcglobal.net, or Janet Aguiar, 795-4631, jaguiar33@hotmail.com.

Coming in costume



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Dracula (Dr. Ed Andersen) checks out the neck of a potential victim (John Siracusa, dressed as a brown spider) at the annual Rotary Wine and Food Jubilee on Oct. 29, which this year featured a costume party and contest for the first time. The event took place at the Community Center, and is a major fundraiser for the local Rotary Club, which performs a variety of volunteer projects for the community all year.



Photo by Paul Myer

Bacchus, Roman god of wine (Joe DeAngelo) escorted Venus, Roman goddess of love (wife, Debra DeAngelo) to the Rotary Wine and Food Jubilee on Friday, Oct. 29, at the Community Center.



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

A pirate (Ed Scianna) and a witch (wife, Carol Scianna) enjoy some wine at the Rotary Wine and Food Jubilee, held on Friday, Oct. 29. Besides wine and food, the evening included a costume contest, dance, silent auction and raffle. Several Winters restaurants and wineries participated, including Berryess Gap Vineyards, Turkovich Family Wines, The Buckhorn, Lester Farms Bakery, and Round Table Pizzeria.

Night canyon hike planned

"Nocturnal Happenings," a night hike planned for Saturday, Nov. 6, 6-8 p.m., explores the things that go "bump in the night" at Stebbins Cold Canyon. The walk will be a sensory experience for ages 10 and up.

The suggested donation is \$5/person or \$10/family. To sign up, email jfalyn@ucdavis.edu

Senior Citizens Club plans next potluck

By Marge Sebastian
Special to the Express

Our first fall meeting/potluck was held on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at the Community Center. We had a very good turnout and it was great to see everyone again.

A big thank you goes to Marie Heilman for making spaghetti and meatballs and a salad for us. Also thanks to everyone for bringing their dishes to share.

Despite being very ill with the flu, Ursula Navarro sent us a box of prizes for our drawing

table. Thank you Ursula and also thanks to anyone else who brought prizes.

Our November meeting/potluck will be on Wednesday, Nov. 10. Marie Heilman has offered to cook a turkey and mashed potatoes for us so members are asked to bring side dishes that will go with this.

Please come at 11:30 so we can have a short meeting before lunch. After lunch, we will play bingo for our brown bag prizes at no cost to you.

Buckhorn Catering hosts Mixer

Buckhorn Catering will host the next Chamber Mixer on Monday, Nov. 8, 5:30 p.m. at 111 Main Street. Everyone is invited to attend and see what Buckhorn

Catering has to offer. A \$5 donation at the door is suggested. Food and a raffle ticket are included. For more information, call the Chamber office, 795-2329.

Calendar

Thursday, November 4

Winters Rotary Club meeting, noon, The Buckhorn

School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m., school district office, Walnut Room

Bilingual Storytime, 6:30 p.m., Winters Community Library

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 8 p.m., 305 First Street

Friday, November 5

Saturday, November 6

Canyon Hike, "Nocturnal Happenings, 6-8 p.m., Stebbins Cold Canyon; email jfalyn@ucdavis.edu to attend

Sunday, November 7

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 9 a.m., 305 First Street

Bobcat Ranch visit, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., northeast of Stebbins Cold Canyon; email jfalyn@ucdavis.edu to attend

Nature's Theater outing, "Nature Heroes," ages 5-10, 10 a.m. to noon, Stebbins Cold Canyon; email jfalyn@ucdavis.edu to attend

Friday, November 5

Winters Community Library Celebration, 5:30-8 p.m., Winters Community Library

Monday, November 8

Chamber Mixer, 5:30 p.m. Buckhorn Catering, 111 Main Street

Tuesday, November 9

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 6-7 a.m., 305 First Street

Wednesday, November 10

Soroptimist meeting, 7 a.m., call 795-4631 or 795-2828 for location information

Senior Citizens Club Potluck, 11:30 a.m., Community Center

Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., 62 Shams Way

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Barbara and Paul Lorenzi took their Winters Express on the subway on their way to Brooklyn, New York in October.



Courtesy photo
A copy of the Winters Express visited the US Capitol Building in Washington DC recently, along with (from left) Vicki Jacobs, Jenni Jacobs and Sandy Vickrey. Jenni lives and works there, and was visited by her mother and aunt.

Tomatoes are top Yolo crop

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors recently received the 2009 Yolo County Agricultural Report. The annual report summarizes the acreage, production and gross valuation of all agricultural commodities produced in Yolo County in 2009. Processing tomatoes remained the county's leading commodity at a value of \$127,751,504, an increase of 21 percent. The total gross valuation for all agricultural commodities in 2009 was \$462,132,949, which represents a decrease of \$39,607,466 from the 2008 values, a reduction of approximately 7.9 percent. "Many crops experienced lower farmgate values due mostly to lower price points in a slow economy," said Yolo County Agricultural Commissioner John Young. "These production figures only partially reflect the overall measure of the economic impact agriculture has on Yolo County's economy. "Field labor, processing, transporting, marketing and other farm-

related services significantly multiply the value agriculture has to our county. When the multiplier effect of related industries is considered, agriculture contributes well over \$1.5 billion to the economy of Yolo County." Within the report, Young notes that the increase in processing tomatoes was primarily due to an increase in price, yield and acreage. Wine grapes shot up to the number 2 spot with a value of \$56,432,575, a 34 percent increase due to increased price, yield and acreage. Rice (\$53,479,094), seed crops (\$33,424,720), alfalfa hay (\$29,979,014), almonds (\$24,987,486), organic production (\$22,824,388), walnuts (\$19,158,440), cattle and calves (\$12,827,640) and wheat (\$11,680,137) rounded out the top 10 crops for 2009. "I hope our residents and visitors to Yolo County will take the time to peruse the Ag Crop Report because it contains so much more

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Crèche, festival needs participants

All are invited to display their personal nativity scenes or perform in a musical program as part of the 9th Annual Community Crèche and Music Festival, planned for Dec. 3, 4 and 5, 3-8 p.m., at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints meeting-house on the corner of Gum Street and Pioneer Avenue in Woodland. The free interfaith event features an exhibit of nativity scenes from around the world on loan from members of the Davis, Dixon, Winters and Woodland communities, along with a program of live musical performances that will run throughout the hours of the exhibit and feature a special community concert on Saturday night. The festival also includes a Christ-centered art exhibit and a family room where kids can dress up as members of the nativity and have their picture taken in a specially-built

replica of a stable. In last year's event, more than 250 crèches were exhibited, including some quite rare and exotic in style. "We welcome all to display one or more of their nativity scenes," said event coordinator Sheila Pratt, adding that the crèche need not be elaborate or expensive. "We are interested in various interpretations of the subject, whether it be an entire nativity scene, the holy family, or simply the mother and child, and of any size or style. It may be held at our building, but this really is a community event." To ensure the security of the displays, the room will be guarded during viewing hours and locked overnight between exhibition days. Jessica Loehrmann, musical director for the festival, is hopeful many people will want to participate in the Community Choir that

will close the Community Choral Concert at 7-9 p.m. on Saturday night. After local choirs from churches and community groups perform, the evening will end with all the choirs combining to sing "O Holy Night" and Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. "Last year we were all just so excited to have the chance to sing together with a professional choir and members of other congregations," said Loehrmann. "The sound and the sweet feeling of Christmas there was just amazing. It was a real treat for everyone involved; listeners and singers alike." For more information visit the event's website, www.woodlandcreche.org. To schedule a crèche for display, contact Pratt, 666-9200 or woodlandcreche@gmail.com. To take part in the musical program, call Loehrmann, (801) 472-3221.

Free legal clinic now serves seniors

The Winters free legal clinic has transformed into a free Winters Seniors Clinic, solely serving seniors with legal and other resource needs. Seniors 60 and older can meet with a Legal Services of Northern California attorney to receive free legal services for civil matters, such as housing, social security, employment, and other benefits. They can also meet with a Senior Link of Yolo County representative for free information linking seniors age 60 and older to services and resources in Yolo County. The information available includes a large range of topics, from caregiver support, in-

home care, and respite services, to long term care facilities, home repair volunteers, financial assistance, legal services, and low-income senior housing complexes. The Winters Seniors Clinic will be held every fourth Thursday of the month at the Win-

ters Healthcare Foundation, 350 Main Street. Call the Winters Healthcare Foundation. Call 795-5200, to schedule an appointment. For more information, call Kristi Link-Crosier, Senior Link of Yolo County Information & Assistance coordinator, 662-1065.

From the Ground Up: Rice is nice

By ANN M. EVANS and
GEORGEANNE BRENNAN
Special to the Express

As you drive east out of Yolo County on Interstate 5 toward the Sacramento International Airport, you've seen the green rice fields with their swirling patterns. Rice, descended from a wild grass, is second only to maize as the world's most cultivated crop. In many languages, literally, the word for rice means food.

In the United States, we tend to think of rice as white or brown and long, medium or short grain. Brown rice has the outer layer of bran and inner germ intact. White rice has had the bran and germ milled off and separated. Long grain cooks up dry and fluffy with grains that separate easily. It's best for plain steamed rice, pilaf, or fried rice dishes. Medium grain becomes sticky and is a good, all purpose rice. Short grain is very sticky when cooked — think sushi or risotto.

In addition to grain length though, there is a spectrum of colors and varieties of rice. Thanks to farmers who over the centuries bred the grain for their area, there are over 8,000 varieties of rice grown around the world. Julie Cross, Davis Food Co-op's education coordi-

nator, says the Co-op has 30 varieties of rice in bulk, eight of which are local, and they carry Wehani.

Wehani is hybrid rice that is a reddish brown, has a nutty aroma and is a long grain with Indian basmati ancestry. It was developed by Harlan Lundberg of Lundberg Family Farms in Butte County, the farm family that pioneered organic rice growing in the United States.

By 2000 B.C., rice was cultivated all over Southeast Asia, but it only came to the United States in 1694, through the port at Charleston, South Carolina. That rice came from Madagascar, along with the West African knowledge about how to grow it. Rice flourished there, in the fresh water tidal swamps of Cape Fear, for two centuries, and later spread throughout the southeast.

Rice was introduced into California by the Chinese during the Gold Rush, and now California is the second largest rice producer in the United States. Most of California's rice crop today is grown on heavy soils north of Sacramento in Colusa, Sutter, Glenn, Butte, Yuba and Yolo counties. Rice fields are flooded in late spring and the rice seed is flown over the paddies, then the young

plants thrive in the hot days and warm nights until the ripe grains are harvested in the fall. In addition to providing habitat for wildlife, rice provides a lot of jobs throughout the Sacramento Valley.

Last year, the rice crop farm gate receipts in Yolo County were \$53.3 million, just below wine grapes and processing tomatoes. The expensive infrastructure to support the rice industry locally is plainly evident, starting with the Port of Sacramento which proclaims in large red letters on its entrance that it serves the rice industry.

Adjacent to the port on Terminal Avenue in West Sacramento are the massive white silos of the Farmers Rice Cooperative rice mill. In Woodland, you can't miss the towering structure of PERMI (Pacific International Rice Mills) on Kentucky Avenue. Similarly, the tanks and flat storage facilities of the Sutter Basin Growers Cooperative are visible just above Knight's Landing as you travel north on Highway 113.

Alan Davidson, in his book "The Penguin Companion to Food," says that in countries where rice was historically plentiful, it is cooked plain and served with elaborate toppings. In those

where it was imported, rice was a delicacy in sweet dishes such as puddings.

Since rice is plentiful in the Sacramento River Watershed, Ann has included a recipe below which features just plain long grain white rice. The black-eyed peas are a nod to some childhood time spent in North Carolina. The chard comes from the garden and just needed using — the inspiration for what goes on top of the rice bowl of most people around the world.

Black-Eyed Peas with Chard over Rice

The Ingredients

One and a half cups dried black-eyed peas

Four cups water or vegetable liquor (water from having cooked vegetables)

Four inch sprig of rosemary, fresh

Two bay leaves

Two small to medium yellow onions, peeled

Two to three tablespoons extra virgin California olive oil

One teaspoon sea salt (or to your taste)

One teaspoon freshly ground black pepper (or to your taste)

Four large stalks of rainbow chard, chopped or other leafy green (turnip, collard) including the stems

One cup long grain white or brown rice



Courtesy photo
Julie Cross, education coordinator at the Davis Food Co-op, stands in the store's bulk section, which offers 30 varieties of rice.

Putting It Together

Soak the black-eyed peas overnight in water. Drain. Place the peas, water, aromatics (rosemary, bay — or others of your choice such as thyme, sage), onions, olive oil, and salt and pepper in a heavy pot with lid.

Bring to a boil then turn flame to low. Simmer 40-60 minutes, until peas are tender.

Turn heat off. Remove aromatics. Add leafy greens to the pot, which should have at least a

cup or two of hot liquid left after cooking peas. Cover and let sit for five minutes, or until chard is tender. Salt and pepper again to taste.

To cook rice, bring two cups of water to a boil in a pan with tight fitting lid. Add a teaspoon of sea salt and the rice. Cover. Turn flame to low. Cook about twenty minutes or until done (longer if brown rice.) Fluff with fork.

Serve rice and black-eyed peas in a soup plate.°

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Hike guide training planned

Training begins in November for individuals interested in guiding groups at Stebbins Cold Canyon Reserve. Training will focus on creative and interactive ways to connect people to the wonders of the natural world.

If you have an interest in natural history, art, living sustainably, poetry, bird-watching, storytelling or anything that might connect another to the land, you are invited to sign up for the upcoming training.

Training dates are Nov. 21, and Dec. 5 and 12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Stebbins Cold Canyon.

For more information or to sign up, email Jeff Falyn, jfalyn@ucdavis.edu. Include your phone number in the email.

More Express travels



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When Richard and Lyn Vanier (above) traveled through the Panama Canal on Oct. 16, the Winters Express was on board.

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The Boisrame/Klonsky family (right) took their Winters Express all the way to the Galapagos Islands in late August. From left are Karen Klonsky, Gabrielle Boisrame, Lilian Boisrame and Yves Boisrame. In the forefront are marine iguanas, and behind them are lava rocks.



Literacy volunteers needed

The Yolo County Library adult literacy program, Yolo Reads, is looking for volunteers to provide instruction to English-speaking adult learners. Yolo Reads also seeks to spread the word about the program to those needing help.

One in six Yolo County residents cannot read and write sufficiently to carry out day-to-day activities at work and at home. In an effort to address this issue, the Yolo County Library has developed Yolo Reads, a literacy program that provides free and confidential instruction to English-speaking adult

learners. Learners receive one-on-one support from volunteer tutors, free materials to cover a six-month period, free computer use and access to library collections.

No experience is necessary to tutor. The hours are flexible and Yolo Reads provides all training and materials. Tutoring space is available at each county library. Volunteers in Winters and West Sacramento are especially needed. For more information, call Yolo Reads (866) 609-7303 or e-mail heather.bratt@yolocounty.org.

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certainly say that they have received much more than they have given.

We cared about our students and our communities while we worked as educators,

and that caring doesn't stop at retirement. Join our call to give back. You'll find the effort is well worth your time.

PATRICIA TURNER
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than just crop statistics," said Yolo County Board of Supervisor Chairwoman Helen Thomson. "In it you will also find listings of Farmers' Markets, Community Supported Agriculture (veggie boxes) and winery tasting rooms."

For more information on the acreage, production and gross valuation of agricultural commodities produced in Yolo County in 2009, visit www.yolocounty.org (go to Government>Agriculture&Cooperative Extension>Agriculture and Weights&Measures) or contact the Yolo County Agriculture Department, 666-8140.

Entertainment

Blue Highway heads to Winters



Courtesy photo

Blue Highway will perform at The Palms on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. Dobro player Rob Ickes has local connections and just won the International Bluegrass Music Association Dobro Player of the Year award for a record-setting 12th time. This band is one of the best around for bluegrass/country/folk/Americana — whatever you want to call it. All fantastic instrumentalists, and their vocal arrangements (including some a cappella numbers) are out of this world. Tickets are \$20, and are available at Pacific Ace Hardware, 35 Main St., Winters, and at the door if not sold out. The Palms is at 13 Main St., Winters.

Bacchanalian history of wine to be presented at Mondavi Institute

A humorous glance back at the history of wine will be offered by Jan Shrem, founder and proprietor of Clos Pegase winery, on Thursday, Nov. 4, at the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science at UC Davis.

The public multimedia presentation of “Bacchus the Rascal, A Bacchanalian History of Wine Seen

Through 4,000 Years of Art,” will run from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the institute’s Silverado Vineyards Sensory Theater.

The presentation will be followed by a public reception featuring Clos Pegase wines and an optional private wine pairing dinner at nearby Seasons Restaurant. The UCD Art History Program is co-sponsoring the event.

Shrem’s presentation,

developed from a quarter century of research, was created as a survey of wine’s ancient sources and the art it has inspired. It begins with the birth of the grape and the origin of wine and meanders through more than 100 wine-related images by artists such as da Vinci, Rembrandt, Dali, Picasso and Chagall, finishing with a contemporary

homage to wine.

Shrem has given the presentation throughout the country, including at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., and the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco.

The lecture and reception cost \$35 per person for the general public or \$20 for Friends of the Robert Mondavi Institute and UC Davis

staff, students and faculty.

Cost is \$60 for the wine pairing dinner, alone, and \$80 for the lecture, reception and wine pairing dinner.

More information and registration are available online at <http://robertmondaviinstitute.ucdavis.edu/an-evening-with-jan-shrem> or by contacting Kim Bannister of the Robert Mondavi Institute at 752-5171 or kbannister@ucdavis.edu.

LIFE

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each year for 30 years, building up each year to a big seasonal show in time for Christmas with a large cast, including adults and children.

The Winters Theatre Company is celebrating its 30th year of producing plays at the Winters Community Center. The group produces a few plays a year, with something fun in the spring, Shakespeare outside in the summer, and a big seasonal production at holiday time. This year’s production of “It’s a Wonderful Life” will include a cast of 25, and is the play version of everyone’s favorite Frank Capra movie, “It’s a Wonderful Life.” The play turn’s Dickens’ “Christmas Carol” inside out, with an angel showing a good man in despair how all he has done in life has really helped people, and what the world would be without him.

This play is an adaptation of the movie, now listed as number 11 on the American Film Institute’s favorite movies. The story was not a hit right of the box, however. Inspired by a dream, Phillip Van Doren Stern wrote a 4,100-word short story called “The Greatest Gift” in 1943 after working on it since the late

1930s. Unable to find a publisher, he sent the 200 copies he had printed as a 21-page booklet to friends as Christmas presents in December 1943.

Eventually, the story came into Capra’s hands and changed significantly as numerous screenwriters worked on it. The story has appeared in many forms on its way to becoming a Christmas season staple — as a radio show, a novel, a stage musical, and even a made-for-TV spinoff called “Clarence.”

Capra was always amazed at how the story took on a life of it’s own over the decades.

“I’m like a parent whose kid grows up to be president I’m proud... but it’s the kid who did the work,” said Capra.

Winters Theatre Company’s production of “It’s a Wonderful Life” opens at the Community Center with a champagne gala on Friday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Performances continue on Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 20 through Dec. 4, 8 p.m., and Sundays, Nov. 28 and Dec. 5, 2 p.m. Admission is \$10/general, \$6/seniors and students. Tickets for the Gala Opening are \$15. Call 795-4014 or email winterstheatre@gmail.com for reservations and information.

Art Walk, wine tasting planned Nov. 6 in Winters

The November Art Walk, coordinated by Deborah Lamoreux, is planned for Saturday, Nov. 6, from noon to 4 p.m.

New quilts will be on display at Cloth Carousel. Rebecca Bresnick Holmes will

introduce new graden art ceramic tiles with landscape and city themes at The Clay-ground.

Lamoreux Gallery hosts “Flower Power,” with paintings by Deborah Lamoreux. Ellen Pettit’s

exhibit, which includes photographs of Mexico, has been extended at Steady Eddy’s. Wine tasting and art exhibits also are offered at Turkovich Family Wines and Berryessa Gap Vineyards. Other venues include

the Winters Visitors Center, Bella Boutique and Cody’s.

For more information about the Art Walk, contact Lamoreux at 400-6747 or lamoreuxgallery@yahoo.com.

Holly Days Craft and Gift Faire returns to Vacaville

The annual “Holly Days Craft and Gift Faire” is planned in downtown Vacaville on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Downtown hospitality will be

offered by many vendors with a variety of holiday gift items featuring jewelry, holiday gift ware, woodworking, stained glass, mirrors, distressed

furniture, cakes and more.

For more information, call the Downtown Vacaville BID office at (707) 451-2100.

Rebekah Lodge plans Holiday Arts & Crafts Expo in Davis

The Davis Rebekah Lodge has organized its first Holiday Arts & Crafts Expo, planned from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at the I.O.O.F. Hall, 415 Second St. in Davis.

The Expo will feature two full floors of booths staffed by local and regional artists and crafters, displaying their home-made arts and crafts for sale.

The public is invited and there is no admission charge. In addition to numerous vendor booths, there will be food and drinks avail-

able for purchase to enjoy while shopping. Plus, local musicians will perform and their CDs will be available for purchase.

Artisans will offer stained glass, hand-blown glass, handmade jewelry of all kinds (including sterling silver, semi-precious stones, beadwork, silver and gold — ranging in price from \$5 to \$500). The expo also will include sculpture, quilts, hand-made kids clothing and toys, art, photography and prints, hand-made bags, knitted and cro-

cheted items, candles, carved writing instruments, holiday decorative art, hand-made dolls, snoozles, hand-made baby and children’s clothing, aprons made from vintage fabrics, ceramics and pottery, hand-made dog sweaters and coats, holiday centerpieces and wreaths, food gift items and much more.

This event is on Sunday so parking in downtown Davis will be free and plentiful, organizers said.

All funds raised by the Rebekah Lodge from the

Expo, after expenses,

will be donated to the

Davis Bridge Founda-

tion, which provides

after-school tutoring to

Davis children.

New UC Davis conservation tillage website launched

A new website highlighting conservation tillage has been launched by the University of California. The site combines history, guidance and resources to help farmers investigate crop management systems that have been shown in research and in practice to increase profits, reduce dust, conserve water and sequester carbon on the farm.

Soil tillage in agriculture goes back thousands of years and was considered a necessary part of farming. However, the combination of intense tillage, drought, crop failure and wind led to the 'Dust Bowl' in the early 1930s, raising national awareness about the need for improved conservation methods.

With conservation tillage, plant residue from an earlier crop or a cover crop is left on the soil when a new crop is planted. A variety of techniques can be used, including no-till, a system in which the soil is not disturbed between crops;

strip-till, in which a thin strip is tilled for a seed bed; and ridge-till, with cultivation at the top of the planting bed, but not in the furrows.

Currently, about two percent of California farmland is managed under conservation tillage techniques. The rest continues to be managed with systems that have changed very little since irrigation and cropping intensification began in the region more than 65 years ago.

The new website is designed to arm farmers with information that will help them set aside the common conventional practices of annual plowing, disking, ripping and chiseling. Website visitors will find a comprehensive research archive, radio podcast, video library, photo gallery, news feed, and links to partner agencies and vendors.

The new website can be found at <http://ucanr.org/et>.

Transportation board needs new member from Winters

The Yolo County Transportation District Citizens Advisory Board is looking for a representative from Winters. YCTD operates Yolo Bus Route 220 and 220C, which provides services from Winters to Davis and Vacaville.

The advisory board meets quarterly and serves to advise the Transportation District with feedback about schedules, service, and where stops might be needed.

Anyone interested in serving can contact Mikos Fabersunne, current Citizens Advisory Board chair, 747-0185.

VFW invites veterans to join group

All Winters area U.S. veterans of foreign wars are invited to join Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 11091.

The group meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Winters library.

For more information, contact any VFW member or call Don, 795-1869; John, 795-0751; Roy, 681-7934; or Harold, 795-3124.

Hospital gift shop needs help

The Sutter Davis Hospital Auxiliary needs volunteers to work in its gift shop. Anyone interested in retail sales may volunteer. All volunteers are given a background check, TB tests, and on-the-job training.

Find out more by calling the information desk, 759-7485, or visit sutterdavis.org/about/auxiliary.html.

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Sports

Swim champs



Photo by Anietta Tice

The Northern Section CIF Boys 400-yard freestyle relay gold medal champions are, from left, D. J. Tice, Kevin Hyde, coach Kevin Chester, Justin Nitzkowski and Colten Montgomery. The final meet of the season was on Oct. 30 at Shasta Community College in Redding. This team swam an outstanding time of 3:29.38, edging out second place West Valley High School by almost half a second, in a nail-biting, intense race that came down to the final 25 yards. The boys slaughtered last year's WHS record by two seconds and bettered their qualifying time by three seconds. These boys have been swimming hard all season to try and beat the record set last year by Tice, Hyde, Justin Hyer and Tyler Berg.

Warriors beat Bulldogs 14-12 to keep playoff hopes alive

◆ Lucero runs over Gridley for 218 yards in final league game

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity football team hosted the Gridley Bulldogs on Friday, Oct. 29, in its final Butte View League game and held on to a 14-12 victory.

The Warriors knew they had to win to have a chance at the playoffs after losing the previous week to Orland. Winters did what they had to do and

overcame adversities instead of dwelling on them and played hard for four full quarters.

Winters did rely on the legs of running back Jacob Lucero who ran for 218 yards and two big, timely defensive plays from Zach Higgins and La'akea Drumright. Higgins recovered a Gridley fumble inside the Warriors' six-yard line and ran it out to the 20 to give the Warriors the ball, while Drumright intercepted a pass in the final minutes of the game, allowing the Warriors to take over possession for the

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As creek levels drop, use light tackle

IN THE PAST WEEK, the creek has seen a dramatic change in water flows. This is the time of year when the canals at the diversion dam are cleaned, so the water level needs to be low to do so.

The flows will rise next week to around 90cfs and will steady there until the spring. With the low water, sight fishing for big rainbows is possible from the banks. These fish are very picky because of



this, so make sure you use tiny flies and light tippet.

Expect to get broken off and lose a few flies with this light tackle, but hey, it's part of the game. Mix it up a bit and try different flies if you are not getting hits; the

smaller the better. I recommend black copper johns size 20, non bead-headed pheasant tails size 20, and zebra midges size 22 under an indicator. The water is so low and clear that

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De Los Santos wins contest

Fred De Los Santos picked 22 out of 28 games correctly this week to win the \$30 first prize in the Winters Merchants Football Contest.

Tim Ireland also had 22 correct, with Santos winning on the basis of the tie-breaker score of the California-Oregon State game. There were 42 points scored in that

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Lady Warriors lose final game in Orland

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors varsity volleyball team lost its final game of the season last Tuesday, Oct. 26, on the road at Orland. Winters had a tough time getting going as they lost all three games 25-11, 25-12 and 25-14.

Ilene Reynoso led the team with three kills. Natasha Jankovic and Ashley Andersen each had two kills, Olivia Orosco, Taylor Hofstrand and Jasmin Barrera each

had one kill.

Destiny Rogers, Anna Campos and Sarah Selby each had six serving points to lead the Warriors. Rachel Myers had five points; Reynoso had three; Orosco, Jankovic, Andersen, Hofstrand and Barrera each had two; and Mallory Dunn had one.

Rogers and Campos each had eight digs, Myers and Jankovic each had five, Selby and Hofstrand each had four and Barrera had one for the Warriors.

Wrestling club signups begin

The Winters Wrestling Club is taking signups. Girls and boys ages 4 and up are welcome to join.

There are three registration nights planned at Cody's Restaurant, 314 Railroad Ave., from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, Wednesday, Nov. 10, and Monday, Nov. 15.

A fee of \$40 is due at time of registration. Bring birth certificate to

registration (a copy is acceptable).

Middle and high school wrestling began Nov. 1 and club wrestling begins Nov. 29. Practice schedules will be provided at registration.

Come to registration to pick up an information sheet or call Andria Gomez at (707) 249-0638 or Pam Core at (707) 592-2318 for more details.



Kendrick Moore, No. 15, runs down the quarterback during a recent Warriors varsity football game.

Photo by Ken Stewart

PISANI'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Max Barbosa

Max Barbosa, a senior on the Winters High School varsity football team is athlete of the week.

In last week's game against Gridley, Barbosa was a key ingredient in the Warriors rushing for more than 300 yards.

"Max has been solid on the line all season," said coach Daniel Ward. "But in last week's game his blocks were a big reason why we were so successful running the ball. He did a great job."

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Schools

School board to meet Thursday

The Winters School Board will meet on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Walnut Room at the school district office, 909 W. Grant Ave. The agenda includes:

- ~ Recognition of Wolfskill Continuation High School community supporter Pat Risser.
- ~ Communication and reports.
- ~ Report on 2010/10 second month ADA
- ~ New, revised and deleted board policies and administrative regulations.



Students from First Adventures Preschool are looking forward to the Second Annual Trike-A-Thon on Nov. 11. From left are Amelia Doran, Colton Brown and Chase Dummert.

Courtesy photo

Second Annual Trike-A-Thon planned

First Adventures Preschool will host its Second Annual Trike-A-Thon on Thursday, Nov. 11, at the preschool, at 107 Main St. All area children are invited to participate and raise funds for children at St. Jude's Hospital and learn bike safety at the same time.

The Trike-A-Thon features a fun, week-long curriculum that teaches children riding safety while teaching them about helping others at the same time. On Nov. 11, students will bring their bikes or riding toys to school and

practice the rules they've learned that week. Next, they'll ride their bikes around the city blocks in support of the kids at St. Jude's Hospital.

"This year, we'd like to invite other kids in the community to join us," says Judy Whitley, owner of First Adventures. "The Trike-A-Thon is a great way to teach the children about helping others and bike safety while having fun."

Students will learn a different lesson each day, with topics like wearing helmets, never riding in

the street, being careful near driveways and paying attention to where they're riding.

Each participant is asked to get sponsors to donate money to help St. Jude patients battling cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Any local businesses interested in donating to the cause can contact First Adventures.

For more information, call Whitley at 795-4757 or firstadventures@att.net.

For more information about the Trike-A-Thon, visit www.stjude.org/trike.

Harvest Festival fun

FFA members, from left, Henry Nicholson and Will Pfanner, work the fish bowl toss at the FFA Harvest Festival. Rainstorms didn't deter the Winters FFA from having its annual festival on Oct. 23, featuring baby lambs being birthed, fun games in the ag barn and more. Families came and bought eggs, pumpkins and watermelons, got their faces painted, did the cake walk, and the very brave tried the dunk tank. The unexpected arrival of triplet lambs was the highlight of the festival.



Courtesy photo

Schubert presents storytime in Davis

Fall is here and the Davis Waldorf School welcomes the season with story and song in Autumn Stories.

Blending story, poetry, song and puppetry, Waldorf educator, author and artist Jan Schubert of Winters will present a charming visual story time for children ages 2 to 4 and their parents from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 6, at the school, at 3100 Sycamore Lane in Davis.

Story time will be followed by a seasonal craft for parent and child. Reservations would be appreciated. For more information, call 753-1651 or e-mail reach@daviswaldorf.org.

Wolfskill students collecting canned food

◆ Community donations still accepted through Nov. 7

Wolfskill High School students are taking collections for the KCRA Kids Can food drive.

There is a box in the school office and each classroom. Canned goods

and non-perishable items will be collected through Sunday, Nov. 7.

Community donations may be dropped off at the office between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays. The school is at 200 Baker St. in Winters.

All donations will be distributed in Winters.

Interpretive walk offered at Quail Ridge Reserve this weekend

◆ Guide will discuss wildlife, history of area and bring special device for group to listen to bats

Quail Ridge Wilderness Conservancy will conduct an interpretive walk on Quail Ridge Reserve on Saturday, Nov. 6.

The reserve is at the southwest end of Lake Berryessa. The walk on scenic hillsides of California native grasses, shrubs and trees is of easy-to-moderate difficulty, and will be led by QRWC Executive Director Frank Maurer, a

zoologist and ecologist.

In addition to learning about the wildlife and native habitats of the peninsula, walkers will also learn a good deal about the human history of the area.

The reserve in November will still show splendid green perennial bunchgrasses.

Toward dusk, with the help of a special ultrasonic device, the group will listen to bats as they commence their evening feeding. Forest owls may also be heard vocalizing at this time of day.

The temperature will likely be mild in the daytime, but walkers should be prepared for cooler temperatures toward the

end of the day.

The group will gather at 2 p.m. at Markely Cove Resort to begin the walk and will return at about 6 p.m. All participants must leave the reserve at the same time.

The walk will be cancelled only in the event of substantial rainfall during the day. Hikers should bring their own water and snacks.

Donations will be gratefully accepted for the conservancy's fundraising efforts to protect Quail Ridge lands.

Call 219-4477 or 758-1387 in advance to reserve a place and for directions.

JV Warriors lost to Gridley 40-19

◆ Mayes rushes for 197 yards

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports

The Winters Warriors JV football team let the visiting Gridley Bulldogs get away with a 40-19 victory on Friday, Oct. 29, after leading 13-6.

The Warriors scored on an 85-yard run from Chris Mayes and a 20-yard double pass from Mayes to Michael Bermudez to Trever Ray with Adam Martinez kicking the PAT, all in the first half. Winters led 13-6 but only for a short time.

Gridley took over late in the half and never looked back. The

Warriors had a hard time stopping the Bulldogs until late in the game and by then it was too late. Mayes scored again on a 69-yard run in the second half. Mayes ended the game with 197 yards on 12 carries and was two of 12 passing for 14 yards. Bermudez completed 1 of 1 for a 20-yard touchdown. Ray caught two

passes for 30 yards and a 20-yard touchdown.

Defensively Ray led the Warriors with seven tackles, a sack and had an interception. Justin Crabtree had five tackles, Roger Padilla had six tackles and Bermudez had four.

The Warriors will host Corning this Friday, Nov. 5, for their final game of the season.

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remainder of the game.

The Bulldogs struck first, scoring on their opening drive, but failed to make the PAT. Winters didn't get on the board until the second quarter when Lucero busted free for a 67-yard gain to put the ball down at the 10-yard line. Quarterback Shawn Faulk took it from there and ran in the Warriors' first touchdown. The PAT kick from Felipe Hernandez was good and the Warriors were up 7-6 at the half.

In the third period, Faulk scored again after connecting with Thomas Boswell for a 25-yard pass that put the ball

inside the 10-yard line. Faulk kept it himself on the next play for the touchdown. With Hernandez's kick, the Warriors were up 14-6. Gridley came back though and scored again, but was stopped short on the two-point conversion attempt by Skyler Geerts, which allowed the Warriors to hang on to a 14-12 lead.

With less than two minutes left in the game, Lucero scored again on a 45-yard run but it was called back due to a penalty. But the play did run enough time off the clock to allow the Warriors to take a knee on the next few plays and get the victory.

Lucero ended the game with 218 yards on 21 carries. Tony Brever had 50 yards rushing on seven carries. Faulk had 34

yards on seven carries and two touchdowns, while Higgins had two yards on one carry. Faulk completed 4 of 9 passes for 55 yards. Boswell caught two passes for 44 yards, Jared Ney had one catch for 10 yards and Lucero caught one for one yard. Hernandez kicked 2 of 2 PAT.

Boswell led the defense with 13 total tackles. Tim Miller had eight tackles; Brever had seven; Trevor Wright had six; Thomas Damon had four; Geerts, Drumright, Higgins, Keli Callison, Kyle Karlen and Jesus Quirarte each had two; and Kyle Canela and Mike Monnin each had one.

Winters will host Corning on Friday, Nov. 5, in a non-league game, but a game that will make a difference in the Warriors making the playoffs.

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even an indicator can throw off these educated fish. I carry a black Sharpie marker to color my indicators, this does make it harder for me to see it in the water, however, this will help so you do not spook the fish.

Expect the pressure of anglers on the water to increase as we get deeper into the fall. Remember, everyone has a right to fish so be courteous to everyone out there. If you see someone

poaching, it is best to not get confrontational and report them to CalTIP or fish and game. Do not be a "hole hog." Fish your spots and if you are not producing fish move on to new water and let the next person in to try their luck.

It may be news to folks in Winters what a great fishery Putah Creek can be. Anglers come from all over to fish the waters in our backyard. Take the time to go see it for yourself and if you are new to the sport, give me a call to set up a private lesson or guide day: 304-8421.

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game with Santos guessing 38 and Ireland

picking 47. Ireland wins the \$15 second prize.

All of the other contestants had 21 or fewer correct selections.

Another contest is in this week's Express.

Davis Wetlands fall tour set Saturday

Western Meadowlarks are now abundant in the grassland areas of the Davis Wetlands and may be observed foraging during a free guided tour—rain or shine—led by Yolo Basin Foundation docents on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 3 to 5 p.m.

In addition to these songbirds, many long-billed dowitchers, greater yellowlegs and Western sandpipers are using the available shorebird habitat. Waterfowl species including mallards and gadwalls can be seen swimming in pairs and small groups among large numbers of cinnamon teals.

In addition to bright yellow underparts and a black "Y" across its breast, the Western meadowlark has the distinctive long, straight, pointed bill of the Icterid family, which includes blackbirds and orioles. The meadowlarks use complex bill muscles to penetrate the ground or thick grasses, and then they open their bills, prying apart the substrate to reach food. The male meadowlark announces its territory with a rich and melodious flute-like song that can be heard throughout the wetlands.

Those wishing to join the tour should meet a few minutes before 3 p.m. at the gate in front of the city's wastewater treatment plant, east of the Yolo County landfill on Road 28H. Participants should bring their own binoculars, water and field guides. Docents will have spotting scopes to enhance wildlife viewing. Most of the tour is by car on firm gravel roads, with a couple of optional short walks in the wetlands. A portable toilet is available on the route.

No reservation is required. For more details, call 757-4828 or visit www.yolobasin.org.

Nuestras Noticias



Manos atadas

De manos atadas se va a quedar México en la lucha contra el narcotráfico si es que los votantes de California aprueban la proposición 19, así como se ve impotente con los dos principales problemas que enfrenta junto a Estados Unidos: la violencia por el narcotráfico y el maltrato a sus inmigrantes en el norte. Y México solo contempla lo que pasa pero no puede hacer gran cosa al respecto.

Si la Proposición 19 es aprobada por los votantes el próximo 2 de noviembre, México sufrirá un terrible revés en su lucha contra los narcotraficantes. Y no hay nada que pueda hacer. La Proposición 19 permitiría a los californianos poseer legalmente hasta una onza (28 gramos) de marihuana para uso personal. Además, un impuesto a la venta de marihuana podría generar hasta 1,400 millones de dólares anuales. Y para un estado al borde de la quiebra como California, este es un enorme incentivo.

Si California aprueba esta propuesta, los narcotraficantes mexicanos brincarán de gusto. A pesar de que la mayoría de la marihuana que se consume en California ya se produce ahí, la aprobación de la Proposición 19 abriría la competencia a los narcos mexicanos. Es una simple ley de mercado. Hace unos días fue confiscado en Tijuana, México, un cargamento de 105 toneladas de marihuana con un valor de 335 millones de dólares que tenía como destino, precisamente, California. Y si California legaliza el consumo de marihuana, solo se incrementará la lucha de los carteles mexicanos para entrar a ese mercado.

El efecto político y psicológico en México sería desastroso. Cerca de 30 mil mexicanos han muerto desde que Felipe Calderón tomó posesión en el 2006 y todo ¿para qué? ¿Cómo justificar una lucha que cobra la vida de tantos mexicanos cuando, del otro lado de la frontera, el consumo de drogas se legaliza y se expande? Mientras México se ahoga en la narcoviolencia, los norteamericanos consumen drogas sin graves consecuencias. Así no se le puede ganar a los narcos en México.

El presidente Calderón difícilmente cambiara de estrategia en sus últimos dos años en el poder. Su gobierno será recordado como el más violento desde la revolución, hace un siglo. No cuestiono su objetivo — moralmente sólido- pero sí sus métodos fallidos. La actual estrategia antidroga no ha funcionado. Cada mexicano muerto es un fracaso. El otro mal que México ve como espectador es el del maltrato de sus inmigrantes en Estados Unidos. El último gobierno mexicano que intentó negociar un tratado migratorio con Estados Unidos fue el de Vicente Fox. Calderón ya ni siquiera trató.

Los norteamericanos durante la presidencia de George W. Bush y tras los actos terroristas del 11 de septiembre del 2001 decidieron que, en materia migratoria, tomarían medidas unilaterales para proteger su territorio y a sus ciudadanos. Y así murió la idea de un tratado migratorio binacional.

La mayoría de los 11 millones de indocumentados en Estados Unidos son mexicanos. Pero el gobierno de México no está haciendo nada significativo, efectivo y medible para que puedan legalizar su situación migratoria en Estados Unidos. Su embajada en Washington y sus consulados se limitan a tratar de proteger sus derechos. Pero, generalmente, esto ocurre después que se denuncia algún caso de abuso o discriminación.

El gobierno de México tiene las manos amarradas respecto a una posible reforma migratoria. La decisión depende totalmente del Congreso en Washington. México, otra vez, se quedó fuera del juego. La vecindad de México con Estados Unidos es mucho más determinante de lo que muchos políticos mexicanos se atreven a reconocer públicamente. Resulta sorprendente y frustrante que en dos de los temas que más afectan la vida de los mexicanos — la narcoviolencia y la migración al norte- el gobierno mexicano tenga tan pocos instrumentos a su disposición para cambiar las cosas.

Mientras los norteamericanos sigan consumiendo tantas drogas y mientras en Estados Unidos, a pesar de la crisis, haya trabajos para los mexicanos más pobres, México no podrá determinar su rumbo de forma totalmente independiente. La geografía — en el peor de los casos — es destino.

Cuide su salud

Noviembre y diciembre, con sus muchas celebraciones, son época de gozo y algarabía para chicos y grandes. Gracias a los postres y golosinas que parecen abundar por doquier, pueden también ser una temporada de tortura para quienes están tratando de mantener su peso. Afortunadamente, un buen plan para evitar aumentar de peso puede reducir la frustración y aumentar la alegría de esta temporada.

Para que su plan tenga éxito, puede planear no aumentar de peso haciendo ejercicio, comiendo porciones pequeñas y comiendo una cena saludable antes de salir rumbo a las fiestas, o puede planear consentirse un poco durante la temporada decembrina y perder el peso en enero.

Si piensa evitar aumentar de peso: Agregue actividad física a su rutina diaria usando las escaleras en vez de elevadores. Agregue 10 minutos a su rutina de ejercicio. Escoja alguna actividad física que disfrute y practíquela regularmente. Haga ejercicio con un compañero para hacer de esta rutina una actividad social, animarse mutuamente a evitar aumentar de peso o perderlo si aumenta un poco.

Si tiene invitados, lea las etiquetas de los alimentos que piensa servir para comprar productos bajos en calorías y con poca grasa. Si piensa servir un platillo fuerte a sus invitados, considere platillos saludables como pollo, pescado, pasta con salsa de tomate con poca grasa, verduras o fruta.

Evitar las bebidas alcohólicas es de mucha utilidad al tratar de evitar aumentar de peso durante las fiestas de fin de año. En vez de beber algo con alcohol, considere mejor agua gaseosa o una taza de té o café.

Si piensa consentirse durante la temporada y perder el peso en enero: Permítase aumentar únicamente la cantidad de peso que sabe que podrá perder en un mes. Planee con anticipación lo que hará para perder el peso. Establezca metas de pérdida de peso para cada semana y asegúrese de lograrlas. Un buen plan y la motivación para ponerlo en práctica son ingredientes esenciales para lograr mantener un peso saludable y disfrutar sensatamente de la gran variedad de deliciosos alimentos disponibles durante el fin de año. ¡A su salud!

Ejemplo a seguir

Detrás de cada historia de éxito, casi siempre hay alguien que guió, apoyó, o impulsó al protagonista a triunfar. En el caso del astronauta de origen mexicano José Hernández, ese “alguien” fueron sus padres, Julia y Salvador. Durante un homenaje que le hicieron hace unos días en el Consulado General de México en Los Ángeles, Hernández relató cómo sus progenitores, a pesar de no tener estudios, lo motivaron a convertirse, de un niño que trabajaba en el campo, en un reconocido astronauta que puso en alto el nombre de México en la NASA.

Nacido en French Camp, California, el 7 de agosto de 1962, Hernández dijo que los primeros años de su vida transcurrieron entre México y Estados Unidos, debido a que sus padres trabajaban en los campos agrícolas varios meses del año. “Desde muy pequeños,” contó, “mis tres hermanos y yo teníamos que ir a la pizca de frutas y verduras. Cuando ya terminábamos, nos subíamos al vehículo de mi papá y él siempre nos preguntaba: ‘¿cómo se sienten?’ Nosotros, por supuesto, nos sentíamos muy cansados. Mi papá entonces aprovechaba para decirnos: “Pues no se olviden de cómo se sienten y estudien porque, si no, su destino será el campo.”

La advertencia de su padre funcionó muy bien, tanto para José como para sus tres hermanos. “Todos preferíamos ponernos a estudiar porque sabíamos lo que nos esperaba si no lo hacíamos,” recuerda. Doña Julia también hacía su parte. “Mi mamá era muy buena psicóloga. Ella siempre nos aseguraba que cuando creciéramos íbamos a ser profesionistas.” Esa

idea se les fue arraigando como algo natural, agrega, y por ello nunca dudaron que irían a la universidad.

Con la sencillez que lo caracteriza, Hernández relató que decidió hacerse astronauta cuando escuchó que el costarricense Franklin Chang-Díaz había sido seleccionado para participar en una misión de la NASA para ir al espacio. “Cuando me dí cuenta que él también era latino como yo, me dije: si él puede, yo también.”

A partir de entonces, su vida cambió y se dedicó en cuerpo y alma a cumplir su objetivo paso a paso. Estudió ingeniería eléctrica en la Universidad del Pacífico y después una maestría en la Universidad de California en Santa Bárbara, hasta que entró a la NASA. Tras varios intentos, el sueño dorado de Hernández se concretó el 29 de agosto de 2009, cuando fue elegido para viajar a bordo del transbordador Discovery.

Mientras se encontraba en órbita, Hernández concedió varias entrevistas a la televisión mexicana, por lo que se convirtió en el primer astronauta en usar el español en el espacio y en pedir que se incluyera el nombre de México como uno de los países que había participado en esa misión. Hoy Hernández dice que su tarea más importante es la de ser un buen padre y motivar a sus hijos a estudiar, tal como lo hicieron sus padres. “No hay misión más importante,” subrayó.

El mensaje, por supuesto, no es nuevo, pero cobra una gran fuerza cuando se escucha directamente de un hombre que llegó a las alturas de Hernández.

Local historic mines offer insights to the past

By **ANDREW FULKS**
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When most people think of Gold Rush-era mines, they think of the Sierra foothills. Historic Sierra mines have been turned into state parks, visited by tourists and school children, and populated with interpretive signs, boardwalks, and tours.

Sulphur Creek, in Colusa County, also has a rich, if less well-known, mining history. Sulphur Creek is within the Cache Creek watershed and located north of Highway 20, off Bear Creek Road. It drains the southeastern side of Walker Ridge, passing next to historic mine sites that are mostly forgotten. Unlike its Sierra siblings, the Sulphur Creek Mining District has no gift shops, park rangers, or special status as a State Park.

Wilbur Hot Springs, a cozy hotel located near Bear Creek, is the only remaining business and hot springs resort in the District.

During the mid to late 1800's, the Sulphur Creek Mining District was home to numerous mines located along the length of the creek. The mines, with names like Wide Awake, Empire, Manzanita, and Elgin, produced extensive quantities of quicksilver (mercury), sulfur, copper, and small amounts of gold. Even oil was produced, though in small quantities mostly used for lubricating the mining equipment.

The area was settled by miners and their families, with the main village of Sulphur Creek located about a mile upstream from Wilbur Springs. According to an 1891 book on Colusa County history by Justus H. Rogers, the village

had a saloon, general store, first-class hotel, sulfur springs for soaking, and croquet grounds, all within a manicured park-like setting.

One fascinating aspect of the Sulphur Creek Mining District was the superimposing of recreation with active mining operations. Visitors would take the train from San Francisco to Williams, then ride a stagecoach up to the resorts along Sulphur Creek. They would spend a week or two in a hotel or tent cabin, soak in the hot springs, drink the mineral water, and go for walks in the hills while dynamite blasts would be heard not more than a few hundred feet away, machinery would be crushing the rock, and smelters would be belching exhaust from the ore processing.

Today, little remains of the settlements near Sulphur Creek Village other than a few foundations and pieces of rusty equipment. Over the years, repeated fires destroyed the buildings. The end of the mining era was from about 1900 to the early 1940's, as demand for the mercury and other minerals waned or they were found in other areas in greater quantities.

A 1929 State Mineralogist Report noted that the demise of the associated recreational resorts had more to do with the invention of the automobile than the cessation of mining activities. Whereas people previously came to stay at the resorts for weeks, they now chose weekend destinations along paved or smoother roads. All of the resorts eventually closed, although Wilbur Hot Springs re-opened in 1974, and is way to experience the area's history as a vacation destination.

For those who wish to visit the

old Sulphur Creek Mining District, there are two avenues for exploration. Wilbur Hot Springs Resort offers hotel rooms as well as camping platforms for those that wish to bring their own tents. Visitors staying at Wilbur have access to the 1,800-acre private nature preserve that is part of the resort, and can hike along the creek to see many of the old mine and settlement locations.

For those looking for a day hike, much of the upper watershed near Walker Ridge is public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management. At the top of Walker Ridge within the public lands, hikers, bikers, and horseback riders can travel the many trails that crisscross the hills. On Tuleyome's YoloHiker website, the route map and GPS data for the Signal Rock/Eagle Rock loop are provided. The loop takes visitors past the old Clyde Mine, which was one of the few mines in the district that was primarily mined for gold. Near the creek at the Clyde Mine, there is a hidden tunnel which is partially flooded and burrows about 50-feet into the mountain. These old tunnels can be dangerous, so hikers are advised not to enter them.

There are no trail markers, signs, or other user-friendly features in the area, so visitors will need to bring maps, GPS, food, water, first aid, and a sense of adventure. The best times to visit are during the cooler months or spring wildflower season.

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